

the Gazette Notification No. S.O 477(E), dated the 25th July, 1991.

Reservation of items is a continuous process and the list of reserved items is being reviewed periodically by the Advisory Committee on Reservation constituted under the Industries (development & regulation) Act, 1951. The Committee recommends to the Government items to be added, and deleted from the reserved list.

Losses by Praga Tools Limited

6548. SHRI DATTARYA BANDARU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loss suffered by the Praga Tools Ltd., Secunderabad (Andhra Pradesh) during each of the last three years;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) profit (Loss) before tax of Praga Tools Ltd. (PTL) for the last three years is as follows:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Rs in lakh profit (+)/ loss (-)</i>
1989-90	83.17
1990-91	(-) 169.88
1991-92 (Provisional)	9-242.69

(b) The company has incurred losses during the last two years mainly because of inadequate inflow of orders for capital goods like high tech, machines and forgings.

(c) All out efforts are on to get more orders for the company's products.

[Translation]

Compensation for withdrawal of Cess on Coal

6549. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state being taken by the government to compensate the continuous loss due to the withdrawal of cess on coal for the States of Bihar, Bengal and Orissa.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUNDA): Enactments levying cesses on coal of some of the State Governments including the State Governments of Bihar and Orissa have been struck down by courts.

Petitions against levy of such cesses by Government of West Bengal are sub-judice. Once an enactment levying cess on coal is struck off, such cess cannot be collected from the purchasers of coal. It is not possible for Government of India to compensate the concerned State Governments for the losses consequent to the withdrawal of the cesses. However, Government of India has since enhanced rates of royalty on coal produced in States where cesses on coal have been withdrawn. Revenues from enhanced rates of royalty on coal will accrue to the concerned State Governments.

Central Investment in Public Sector Undertaking in Orissa

6550. SHRI SRIKATA JENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investment in Central public sector undertakings in Orissa is less as compared to other States;

(b) if so, the percentage of Central investment in Orissa during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the percentage of investment in central public sector undertakings in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). Investment in terms of Sector Undertakings in Orissa as on 31-3-1991 was Rs. 6898.72 crores i.e. 5.32% of the total investment in all the States. The State ranks 8th in terms of investment as on 31-3-1991. Investment in Central Public sector Undertakings in the states are made on techno-economic considerations keeping in view the balanced regional development.

-(English)

Definition of labour

6551. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is variation in the definition of workmen in the different acts related to labour like the Industrial Dispute Act, 1947, the Payment of Bonus Act 1952, the Workman Compensation Act, the EST Act and the Payment of Wages Act;

(b) if so, whether it has resulted in an increase in disputes and litigation; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE

MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the definition of workman is prescribed in different acts with reference to the objectives that the acts seek to achieve. As such, any increase in the number of disputes and litigations not attributable merely to the variation in the definition of workman in different acts.

(c) Does not arise.

Dutch help for drinking water projects of Andhra Pradesh

6552. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dutch Government has extended financial assistance to provide drinking water facility to fluoride affected villages in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of villages served therefrom so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Netherlands Govt. has provided funds amounting to Rs. 60.635 crores so far for safe drinking water supply in 201 fluoride affected villages in six districts (Prakasam, Guntur, Krishna, Kumool, Nalgonda and Karimnagar) under Andhra Pradesh Project I (API) and 234 villages affected by fluoride, brackishness and scarcity of drinking water under AP.II. The details of the assistance received from the Netherlands Govt. and the villages/population benefitted are as under:-